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In re application of: Hickman *et al.*  
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For: BIOSENSOR FOR USE IN TOXICITY ASSESSMENT AND  
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2003, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before May 11, 2003, together with a request for a two (2)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks concerning a restriction requirement.